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For:

MASS SPECTROMETRY OF COLONIZATION
FACTORS

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed 11 February 2004, the response to which was set to expire on 11 May 2004. Claims 1-9 were pending. Claims 3 and 8 were withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1, 2 and 4-7 were rejected. Reconsideration in view of the following amendment and remarks is respectfully requested.

The Specification as amended is reflected on page 2 of this paper.

The Claims as amended are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

The Abstract as amended is reflected on page 6 and is enclosed herewith.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.